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**PATENT**

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In re:	Patent Application of Jean Pierre Molitor, <i>et al.</i>	:	Group Art Unit: 1651
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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2004 ("the Office Action"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including January 18, 2005 (January 16, 2005 being a Sunday and January 17, 2005 being a Federal holiday), including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending claims, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the instant application, without prejudice, as follows.